

State Representative

Tim Neese

House District 48

Legislative Survey



Dear Friend:

As the 2007 legislative session is just underway, I ask that you share your thoughts on important issues that our state will face. In the past, much of the legislation I have worked on has been initiated with proposals from those I represent.

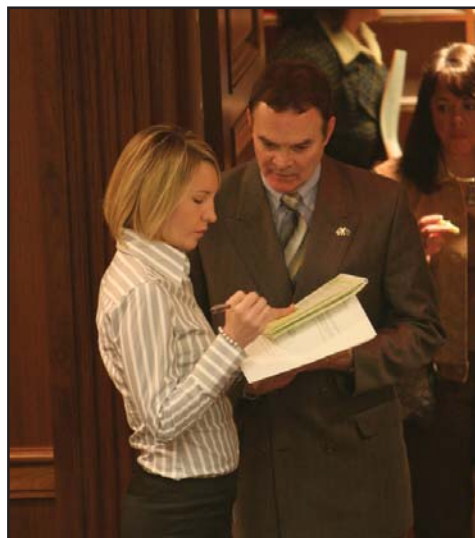
Included in my newsletter is a legislative survey, which I hope you will complete so I can learn your opinions on important legislative topics. I want to continue my efforts in the General Assembly to the best of my ability by listening to the ideas of my constituents. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or proposals for the 2007 session.

Sincerely,



Tim Neese

*Rep. Neese talks with his
Legislative Assistant
during the 2006 legislative
session.*



How to Contact State Rep. Neese

If you have a question regarding state government, there are three ways you can contact Rep. Neese:

Mail

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Visit my website at
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additional comments.

House Republican Plan for Indiana's Progress

1. **Permanently Eliminate Taxpayer Funded Lifetime Healthcare Benefits** for House Members through legislation to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session. Last year, Republican Leader Brian Bosma eliminated the benefit administratively.
2. **Balance the 2008-09 State Budget** with no general tax increases, accounting gimmicks or dedicated fund transfers to artificially balance Indiana's books.
3. **Provide for Indiana's Energy Needs** with a focus on 'Hoosier Homegrown Energy' by making bio-diesel and ethanol more available to consumers, thus reducing the reliance on imported oil.
4. **Reform the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)** by providing a 30-minute guarantee at the BMV and other measures to improve service and efficiency.
5. **Honor and Support Hoosier Veterans and Active Military** by increasing financial assistance to those who are serving today and their families, and honoring veterans for their service.
6. **Empower Indiana Schools** by providing more resources, more flexibility and more incentives for schools, teachers, parents, and students.
7. **Crack Down on Illegal Immigration** by broadening State Police powers to enforce federal immigration laws and ensuring that state benefits are awarded only to legal Indiana residents.



Rep. Neese looks at constituent e-mails during the legislative session.

8. **Expand our Job Creation Success** and promote job growth in the small business sector where 75% of Hoosier jobs are created.

9. **Get Tough on Crime** by requiring violent felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, protecting children from Internet sexual predators, requiring federal background checks on caregivers of the elderly, and protecting all Hoosiers from identity theft, violent offenders, and meth dealers.

10. **Let Hoosiers Speak on Traditional Marriage** by voting in the 115th General Assembly on SJR7 – the amendment to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman – and placing SJR7 on a referendum ballot for Indiana voters to consider in November of 2008.

House Republicans Continue to Support a Balanced State Budget

During the 114th Indiana General Assembly, House Republicans created a biennial budget that was balanced without any general tax increases, accounting gimmicks or dedicated fund transfers. The fiscal responsibility put forth by House Republicans finally moved Indiana back in the black, ending a decade of operating on a structural deficit.

In order to avoid the projected deficit of \$131 million, state spending was increased by only 2%. As a result of House Republicans' fiscal responsibility, Indiana's current budget reported a surplus of \$371 million when the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

Thanks to the leanest budget Indiana has seen in 55 years, the state was able to repay \$500 million of the debt owed to Indiana K-12 schools, cities and towns, and universities. In addition, statewide school funding was increased by 2.5% per year or \$272.6 million for the biennium, which amounts to nearly \$200 more per student. House Republicans also increased Medicaid spending by 5% each of the two years.

House Republicans' budget efforts also provided additional property tax relief for Hoosier homeowners, resulting in an average net property tax rate that actually dropped by 1.1% in 2006. This property tax cut was the first in decades, preventing the average net property tax rate from increasing by 5% to 7%.

Over the past two years, House Republicans worked to create a budget that was fiscally responsible, yet still served the needs of Hoosiers.

Visit my website at www.in.gov/h48 to complete this survey and send me additional comments.

If there are two voters in your household, please have voter one respond in the first column and voter two in the second column. Please give one answer for each question. When finished with the survey, cut along the dotted line, fold the survey and return it to my office. Please do not fill out this survey using red ink.

Voter 1 Gender (optional) ☐ Male ☐ Female

Voter 2 Gender (optional) ☐ Male ☐ Female

The presence of an issue in this survey does not necessarily indicate Rep. Neese's support for the issue.

1) Would you support a program that gives more funding and control to local law enforcement to detain illegal aliens for deportation?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2) Would you favor giving local governments the ability to assess a local option sales or income tax as a partial alternative to property taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3) Do you support the creation of civil unions for same-sex couples?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4) Would you support a 40-cents a pack cigarette tax increase if the funds were only used to provide health insurance for Indiana's uninsured, as well as anti-smoking campaigns?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5) Do you support the use of embryonic stem cells for medical research?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6) Should the BMV offer a 30 minute guarantee to complete all transactions or else the customer receives some of their money back?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7) Would you support a requirement that limits state-funded college tuition increases to the rate of inflation?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8) Is a locally controlled, optional full day kindergarten program funded by the state a better idea than a state controlled, mandatory full day kindergarten program?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9) Would you support voluntary teacher competency testing if teachers who chose to be tested received bonus compensation for passing the test?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10) Would you support a "Truth in Sentencing" law that requires those sentenced to state prison serve at least 85% of the time demanded by the sentence?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

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*Rep. Neese speaks with Rep. Walorski
and Rep. Stutzman on the House floor.*

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